

AI Further, in an exemplary embodiment, statements in the statement library may be associated with grammatical usages of the statement, that is parts of speech and/or grammatical characteristics. For example, statements in the statement library may be assigned parts of speech, that is, for example, noun, verb, adjective, etc. Having such grammatical use associations for each statements eases foreign language translation for the statement library. For example, expert programs need not be rewritten for use with a particular verbal and/or foreign language. The statement library and report generator will be able to carry out the tasks that they are designed for without having extra programs because knowledge of parts of speech is incorporated into the statement library itself. Further, negative adjunctive clauses, that is statements like "no longer present", "not present", "not evident", etc. may be identified to properly assess search results. For example, when performing a retrospective query of a plurality of clinical reports, it may be desirable to search for clinical conditions which are not present. Incorporating negative adjunctive clauses into the statement library allows such searching ability. The negative adjunctive clauses may be used by the search engine to filter out conditions that are not present when searching for the positive.

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